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U.S. Delegation to the 2014 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw

The Honorable J. Brian Atwood will lead the U.S. delegation to the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), to be held in Warsaw, Poland, September 22 through October 3. The meeting will focus on the state of implementation of the OSCE principles and commitments relating to human rights and fundamental freedoms made by the OSCE's 57 member nations.

The delegation will also engage with human rights defenders, representatives of civil society organizations and international experts from across Europe and Eurasia who will participate in the meetings and hold side events highlighting human rights and democracy concerns.

The Warsaw HDIM is the OSCE region's most important human rights event of the year. The crisis in Ukraine and other world events this year underscore that implementation of commitments in all three interdependent dimensions of security – human, politico-military, and economic and environmental – is essential to wellbeing, stability and peace within and among states.

Professor Atwood served six years as Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) during the administration of President William Clinton, and also served as the first president for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. He is currently a Professor of Global Policy at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Key members of the U.S. delegation to the 2014 HDIM include:

- The Honorable J. Brian Atwood, University of Minnesota, Head of Delegation
- Ambassador Daniel Baer, U.S. Permanent Representative to the OSCE
- Thomas Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
- Ira Forman, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism
- David Killion, Chief of Staff, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission)
- Lynne A. Davidson, Senior Advisor to the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State

For more information about the HDIM: http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim_2014

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